

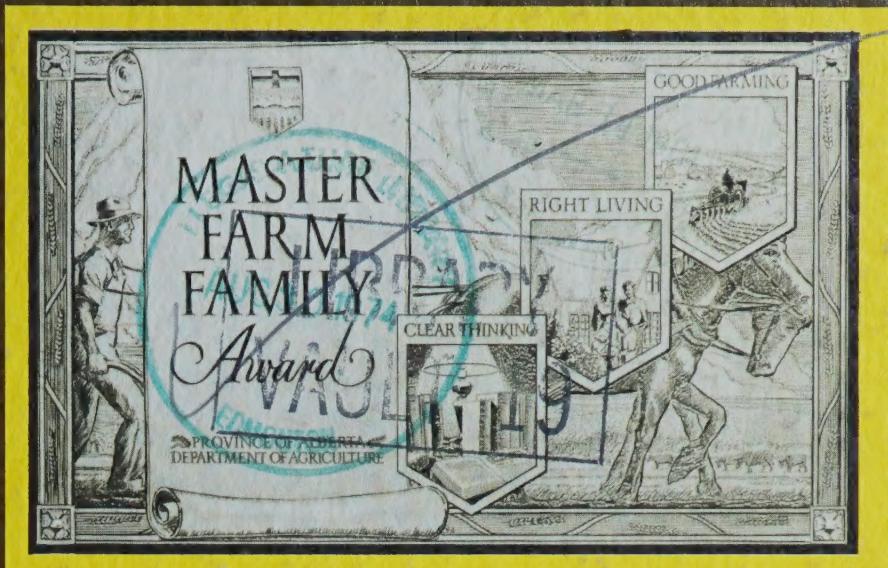
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## FOREWORD

The achievements of outstanding farmers rank in importance and significance with the accomplishments of leaders in industry, science and the arts. The application of improved knowledge and skill to the increased efficiency of food production and other agricultural products, directly benefits all segments of our population. It is very significant, that while prices of most commodities have increased markedly, the price of most agricultural products as they leave the farm have remained relatively stable. The greatly increased production of crops and livestock per worker along with definite improvement in quality bears ample testimony to the ingenuity and skill of our progressive farm families. To be a leader in this increasingly competitive business of farming truly deserves the recognition and admiration of their fellow men.

Today's Master Farm Families have exhibited outstanding qualities of leadership in farm practice, in the achievement of good citizenship and in a full and satisfying family living. I take great pride and pleasure in acknowledging and publicly proclaiming the achievements of the four Master Farm Families for 1960.

HONOURABLE L. C. HALMRAST

Minister of Agriculture





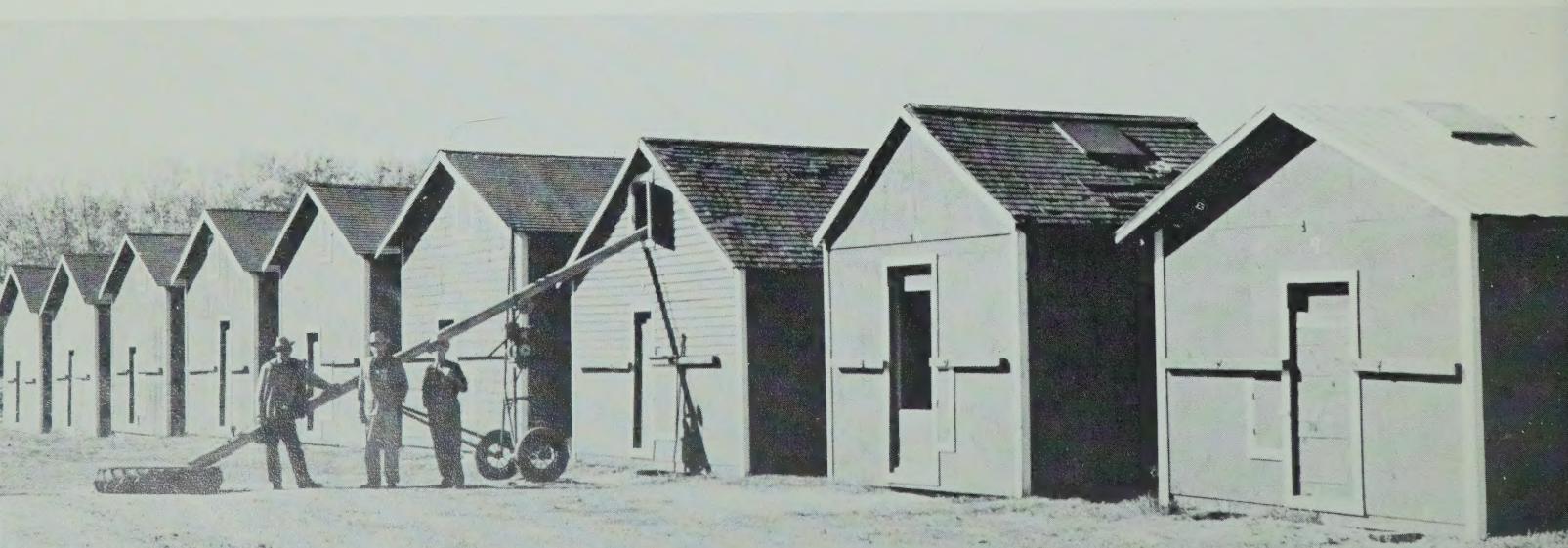
## 1960 MASTER FARM FAMILY OF SOUTH CENTRAL ALBERTA

### *The Haney Family* OF IRON SPRINGS

**A**PIONEER FARM FAMILY from the Picture Butte area of Southern Alberta, H. M. Haney, who with his two sons farms three sections at Iron Springs, near Picture Butte, has been chosen one of the 1960 Master Farm Families.

Mr. Haney, 77, was born and raised on an Iowa farm. In 1926 he moved with his family to a homestead near the present family farm site. Mrs. Haney is a native of Wisconsin and prior to her marriage in 1912 was a school teacher. Three of their four daughters are now teaching school. Their two sons are high school graduates and have completed subsequent courses. Leonard attended the Olds School of Agriculture. Howard attended a technical school. In keeping with the family background, both Haney boys married school teachers, and one grandson has expressed the wish to be a teacher when his education is complete.

The Haney farm has developed in 34 years from an uncultivated homestead in a traditionally dry part of the Province, into a large well co-ordinated farm supporting a large cattle feeding program and a sizeable registered seed operation. On the two and three-quarter sections farmed by the Haney family, 1245 acres are cultivated. Of these, 550 acres are in cereals, 160 acres in forage, and 475 acres are left fallow. Sixty acres are in beets, leaving 190 acres of additional irrigated land for cropping.



The dryland farming operation is alternated between grain cropping and summerfallow.

The Haneys grow registered seed of Thatcher wheat, Rodney oats, and Campana barley. Much of the pedigreed seed is cleaned in their own plant, for which Mr. Haney holds a No. 1 Certificate of Merit.

No land is wasted on the Haney operation. Some marginal land not suitable for cropping because of alkali is used to maintain the 175-cow herd.

The Haneys operate a large feedlot where up to 600 head a year, made up from their own calf crop plus purchases on the open market, are finished. Their permanent cow herd consists of 25 purebred Herefords and 150 head of commercial Herefords. The Haneys raise their own bulls for the commercial herd.

Along with other business-like procedures the Haneys keep many written records and practise good accounting procedures.

The Haney sons are partners in the operation of the farm and have modern homes near their parents. The centre of the farm operation is a main yardway containing three houses in which the members of the family live. The main home occupied by the senior family is modern in design and served by electricity, water and sewage.

The Haney family has been active in community affairs during their years at Iron Springs. Mr. Haney is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Lions, F.U.A. and Wheat Pool, and served as secretary to the local school board. Mrs. Haney has been secretary to the Women's Institute, a Sunday School teacher and is active in F.U.A. and Wheat Pool affairs.

Leonard has been a member of the divisional school board, member of the local Chamber of Commerce, vice-president of the Lethbridge Northern Beet Growers Association, director of the F.U.A., and holds other public responsibilities.

Howard has been a member of a 4-H grain club, vice-president of the F.U.A., a director of the rural electrification association and also belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

Both daughters at home are members of the W.I. Girls' Club, with Ruth holding secretarial posts with local and provincial groups. Kathleen is a Sunday School teacher.





**1960  
MASTER FARM FAMILY  
OF  
NORTH CENTRAL  
ALBERTA**



***The J.R. Crozier Family  
OF NAMAO***

**T**HE J. R. CROZIER family of St. Albert has been named one of the four Master Farm Families for 1960.

The Crozier farm, located near the Namao airport north of Edmonton, is primarily a fluid milk producing operation featuring the latest equipment and methods for efficient dairying. The herd consists of 56 head of Holstein cattle of which an average of 40 are always producing up to 2,000 lbs. of fluid milk daily. The milking parlour is completely mechanical with a capacity of four cows at a time. The milk is moved directly from the milking machines in pyrex glass pipes to a 4,500-pound capacity stainless steel bulk tank where it is refrigerated and agitated. The whole milk is sold directly to processors at Edmonton who empty the tank several times weekly. The milk is not touched by any person during the entire procedure. The refrigeration and agitator units are switch controlled and electrically operated.

Farm fields are sown on a rotation basis of three years grain production followed by three years of hay and pasture use. The 640 acres under cultivation include 390 acres of leased land in close proximity to the Crozier farm. Mr. Crozier sows Registered Olli barley and Victory oats.

Mr. Crozier, 67, is a native of Stratford, Ontario, whose father was a pioneer farmer in Northern Alberta. The family farm was first settled in 1898 and inherited by Mr. Crozier in 1920.

He was instrumental in the establishment of an artificial insemination program for dairy herds in the Edmonton area and is presently Chairman of the Edmonton Artificial Breeding Association. Mr. Crozier has served on many economic and agricultural committees. He has been president of the F.U.A., vice-president of the Milk Foundation of Edmonton, a committee chairman on the Chamber of Commerce and on the executive of several other dairy and farming organizations.

Mrs. Crozier has served many organizations in the area and her record of community service rivals that of her husband. Born in England, Mrs. Crozier was raised on a farm in the Clyde area. In addition to raising a family of three boys and one girl, Mrs. Crozier has served as president of the U.F.W.A. and is active in community projects.

Two of the three Crozier sons farm at or near the family home. The eldest son, John, 38, is a veteran of the RCAF and operates a farm near his parents. In addition to his own operation, he works on a part time basis on the home farm.

The other two Crozier sons, 35, are identical twins. Marcus and Chester were very active in the Junior F.U.A. during their youth. Marcus no longer makes his home at the family farm, being employed by the Federal Government at Banff. Chester is a partner with his father and brother John in the operation of the home farm.

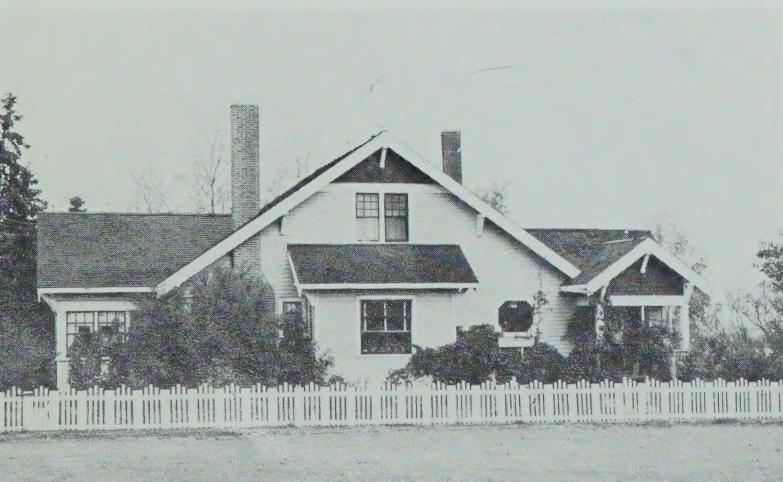
The only daughter in the family, Shirlie, is a resident of Edmonton where she is employed by the Correspondence School Branch of the Alberta Department of Education. A high school graduate, Shirlie also was a student at the Olds School of Agriculture where she attained second-class honors in her studies.

The Crozier home will soon be replaced by a new modern bungalow that is under construction a half mile from the present house. The present home is equipped with all the modern services and is served by waterworks from the City of Edmonton. A natural gas well developed by a petroleum company during exploratory surveys supplies an adequate amount of fuel for heating the home at no cost. The large central yard is enclosed by a line of trees including several varieties of fruit trees and various shrubs.





## 1960 MASTER FARM FAMILY OF WEST CENTRAL ALBERTA



### *The Arthur Bates Family OF ACME*

**A**SUCCESSFUL farming enterprise located in a traditionally dry area of west central Alberta has resulted in the award of one of the four Master Farm Family Awards for 1960 going to the Arthur Bates family of Acme.

Located on flat prairie approximately 40 miles northeast of Calgary, the farm of Arthur Bates, 46, comprises  $3\frac{1}{4}$  sections within sight of the town of Acme. Acreage is divided on the basis of 690 to wheat, 160 to oats, 270 to barley, 420 to forage and 855 summer-fallow. Primarily a grain producing and registered seed growing enterprise, the Bates farm consists of 2,395 acres under cultivation. Forty-nine percent is sown in cereal grains, 16% in forage crops and one-third kept fallow.

In addition to grain producing, the Bates farm is in the cattle business on a fairly large scale. Sixty Aberdeen Angus breeding cows are kept, as well as some feeder cattle. The example of good farming practices is borne out by the fact 90% of the cattle marketed last year graded as "choice". All feed for the livestock is home grown.

Seed grown at the farm is treated for smut at the municipal plant. Varieties grown from registered seed are Victory and Rodney oats, Thatcher wheat, Wolf barley. A one-year reserve of seed is maintained as part of the closely controlled seed management program.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates were both born at Acme and were raised on farms in the area. Married in 1934, they moved to their present location in 1944 as tenant farmers. In the relatively short span of 16 years they have developed their farm to its present productive position.

Two-hundred-and-fifty Leghorn laying chickens have been added to the livestock on the farm, and egg sales supplement income as well as providing a convenient home supply. An automatic egg washing machine has recently been added from the egg profits.

Mr. Bates is keenly interested in all phases of agriculture and has served his community and agriculture generally in several ways. He is past president of the Agricultural Society, Wheat Pool delegate and past president of the Acme Chamber of

Commerce. A well-known local sportsman, Mr. Bates is also past president of the Baseball and Curling Clubs.

Service to the community and activity in agricultural affairs is also rendered by Mrs. Bates. She serves as Treasurer of the Home and School Association, Past Matron of the Eastern Star, and president of the Acme Flower Show. She is also a sports enthusiast in her own right, having served as president of the Ladies' Curling Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates have two sons, both of whom are married to former school teachers and live near the home farm. Robert Delroy, the eldest son, and James Arthur, the second son, maintain the record of public service established by their parents through work with the Chamber of Commerce and the Grain Club, and wide interest in sports.

The Bates home is a modern two-storey house bounded on one side by a large windbreak. The grounds contain a large vegetable garden, trees and flowers. Mrs. Bates is an avid gardener and spends much of her time in the summer tending the garden and shrubs.

Electricity is used extensively throughout the farmstead and in the home for convenience and productive purposes.

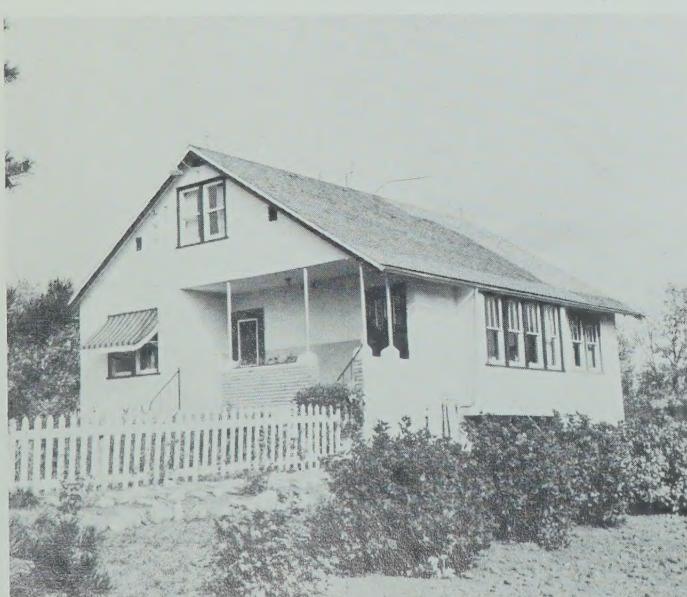
The full basement is completely finished, containing three wood panelled rooms, the oil heating system, and a large 20 cubic foot deepfreeze. The deepfreeze stores beef for the family and retains the overflow from the abundant vegetable garden.

Water for the house is obtained from two wells, which also serve the septic tank sewage system.





## 1960 MASTER FARM FAMILY OF NORTH EASTERN ALBERTA



### *The Chres Oester Family OF PARADISE VALLEY*

A DIVERSIFIED farm operation has won a 1960 Master Farm Family Award for the Chres Oester family of Paradise Valley, about 140 miles east of Edmonton.

The Oester family farms one and one-half sections of land with approximately 550 acres under cultivation. The operation includes the fattening of some 200 beef cattle annually and some hogs. Seven milch cows are kept.

The east central Alberta Master Farmer emigrated to Canada from his native Denmark as a young man of 23 in 1927. In 1933, he and a friend managed to jointly purchase a quarter section of land near Paradise Valley. The partners were able to clear enough land during the next few years to eke out an existence.

Mr. Oester's partner joined the armed forces shortly after the outbreak of the Second World War and Mr. Oester purchased his share of the land.

In 1941, Mr. Oester was married. By 1943, two sons had been born to the family. In that same year however, sadness struck as Mrs. Oester died. In 1947 Mr. Oester married a charming widow recently emigrated from England.

The Oester family maintains and uses a good set of farm records. Of the 550 cultivated acres, approximately 150 are annually seeded to Thatcher wheat; 150 acres are seeded to barley and some oats; 200 acres are left in summerfallow, and 50 acres are in forage. The varieties of coarse grains produced include Gateway and Husky barley and Rodney oats. Wheat is sold if the grade is good. Otherwise, along with other crops, it is used for fattening feeder cattle. The Oesters also are presently fattening about 30 hogs.



Major equipment on the farm has been kept to the economic minimum. There are two tractors, a truck, a light pick-up, a 7-foot combine, a forage harvester, baler, manure spreader, front end loader, and an automobile.

Pressure water system was installed in 1950. A 100-foot well provides sufficient water for household and farm use. Water lines eight feet deep run to the house, barn and hog pen. Soft rain water is stored in two cisterns. The farmstead is completely electrified.

Members of the Oester family actively support community activities. Mr. Oester has been a member of the local school board for six years and is a director of the Paradise Valley Seed Cleaning Plant. He is also a member of the Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Oester is active in a community hall organization, and in the civil defence program. Both boys have been members of a 4-H beef club and have won efficiency awards.

Maurice Oester, 18, has completed his senior matriculation and hopes to become a doctor. He is enrolled in the first year "pre-med" programme of the University of Alberta. His brother, Fred, 16, has just started Grade Eleven in Paradise Valley High School. He will complete his high school education and perhaps go to agricultural school or university before returning to farming as a career.

Winning the 1960 Master Farm Family award for east central Alberta is the second farming honor bestowed on the Oester family. In 1958 they won the Lloydminster and District Chamber of Commerce Good Farming Competition.





## 1949

J. G. DUSSEAU FAMILY	VIMY
W. J. EDGAR FAMILY	INNISFAIL
L. R. JENSEN FAMILY	MAGRATH
J. E. MELENKA FAMILY	WARWICK
JOSEPH PAQUETTE FAMILY	DONNELLY

## 1950

EMILE CAMMAERT FAMILY	ROCKYFORD
CHARLES KALLAL FAMILY	TOFIELD
ROY BALLHORN FAMILY	WETASKIWIN
E. S. PARSON FAMILY	BOYLE
FRED LABRECQUE FAMILY	SPIRIT RIVER

## 1951

J. G. POROZNI FAMILY	WILLINGDON
J. W. HOSFORD FAMILY	S. EDMONTON
FLOYD GILKYSON FAMILY	LA GLACE
VICTOR WATSON FAMILY	AIRDRIE

## 1952

JESSE COLE FAMILY	CLIVE
JOHN LAMBERT FAMILY	MANNING
E. R. LEWIS FAMILY	STONY PLAIN
J. H. SCHMALTZ FAMILY	BEISEKER
JOHN SKRYPITSKY FAMILY	MUNDARE

## 1953

FRANK JACKSON FAMILY	KEG RIVER
ERNEST BELZIL FAMILY	ST. PAUL
EMIL KVARNBERG FAMILY	BUFORD
LESTER LOHR FAMILY	ERSKINE
HOWARD HYMAS FAMILY	ROSEBUD

## 1954

HARLIE CONRAD FAMILY	CLAIMONT
MARTIN ARNDT FAMILY	BARRHEAD
ADAM BUYER FAMILY	CARBON
W. R. STORCH FAMILY	GARDEN PLAINS
A. W. KING FAMILY	HIGH RIVER

## 1955

THE ROBINSON FAMILY	PINCHER CREEK
B. O. BROWN FAMILY	ACME
CHRIS SCHNEIDER FAMILY	VEGREVILLE

## 1956

A. D. FRASER FAMILY	TEEPEE CREEK
ALFRED ROSE FAMILY	ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE
JOHN ROZMAHEL FAMILY	VIKING
WILFRED MCGILLIVRAY FAMILY	COALDALE

## 1957

NO AWARDS

## 1958

JAMES McCULLOUGH FAMILY	DIDSBURY
MEL WOOD FAMILY	TOFIELD
ANDREW JESPERSON FAMILY	STONY PLAIN

## 1959

A. M. ROBERTSON FAMILY	CARSTAIRS
GEORGE COWLING FAMILY	HIGH RIVER

## 1960

H. M. HANEY FAMILY	IRON SPRINGS
J. R. CROZIER FAMILY	ST. ALBERT
ARTHUR BATES FAMILY	ACME
CHRES OESTER FAMILY	PARADISE VALLEY

The glory of the farmer is that, in the division of labours, it is his part to create. All trade rests at last on his primitive activity. He stands close to Nature; he obtains from the earth the bread and the meat. The food which was not, he causes to be. The first farmer was the first man, and all historic nobility rests on possession and use of land . . .

We see the farmer with pleasure and respect, when we think what powers and utilities are so meekly worn. He knows every secret of labour: he changes the face of the landscape. Put him on a new planet, and he would know where to begin; yet there is no arrogance in his bearing, but a perfect gentleness.

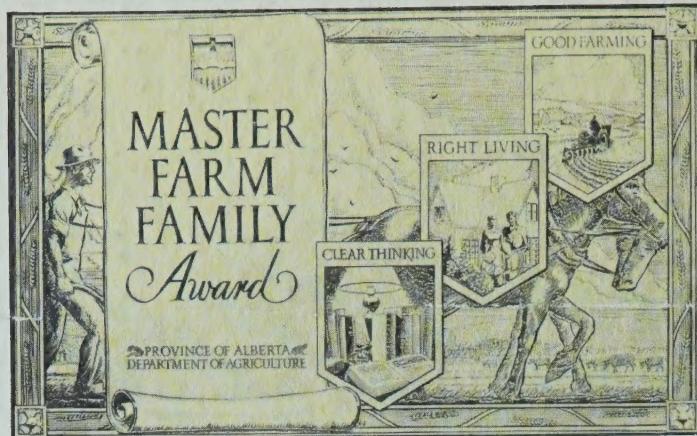
—Ralph Waldo Emerson  
"Essay on Farming "





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